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Statement from Mayor Tom Barrett on the Pizza Man Building Fire

“The early morning fire that gutted Pizza Man and other local businesses has resulted in very serious losses for business owners, apartment residents, the East North Avenue business district and our City.

As the investigation into the cause of the fire continues, it is my sincere belief that we will be able to pull together and rebuild that wonderful corner at the intersection of Oakland and North Avenues.

I want to commend Acting Fire Chief Michael Jones and the over 150 Milwaukee Fire Department personnel who responded to the four alarm fire. All residents were accounted for and are safe.

Chief Jones made the right decision when he activated the mutual aid call. The pre-dawn blaze required quick and immediate decision making. Chief Jones called upon our neighboring communities for back-up because at that time of morning, it was the surest and fastest measure to take in order to insure the safety of all our citizens. This is exactly why Milwaukee and our neighbors have the mutual aid agreement in place, and why the Milwaukee Fire Department has on so many occasions responded when our suburban neighbors call for help. I thank our suburban communities for assisting.”